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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM NORMAN TERRELL, NASA
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TO V.S. VERESHCHETIN,
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2. AUGUST 16, 1978 (04.03.02)

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DEAR MR. VERESHCHETIN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR JULY 13 LETTER NOMINATING S.F. KARPENKO AND G.A. FEDOSEYEV OF THE VERNADSKIY INSTITUTE AS THE SOVIET CANDIDATES UNDER OUR AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE LUNAR SAMPLE SCIENTISTS. AS YOU INDICATE, THEIR VISIT IS IN RETURN FOR THE VISIT OF DR. NORMAN HUPNARD TO THE VERNADSKIY INSTITUTE FOR FIVE MONTHS IN 1973-74, AND THEIR EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED UNDER THE USUAL NASA-SOVIET ACADEMY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTING WITH PROFESSORS WASSERBURG AND ARNOLD CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF BEGINNING THE VISITS ON SEPTEMBER 15. PROFESSOR WASSERBURG INFORMS US HIS SCHEDULE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY ACCOMMODATE DR. KARPENKO'S VISIT IF IT BEGINS ABOUT JANUARY 15. IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTICE THAT WHILE YOU REFER TO A THREE-MONTH PERIOD IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR DR. KARPENKO, DR. BARSUKOV REFERS TO A SIX-MONTH PERIOD. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR THE SOVIET SIDE TO SEND ONLY ONE SCIENTIST, DR. KARPENKO, WHO WOULD VISIT PASADENA FOR SIX MONTHS. IF YOU PREFER TO SEND TWO SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING A SIX-MONTH VISIT FOR DR. KARPENKO, THIS WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET SIDE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL US SCIENTIST FOR THREE OR FOUR MONTHS IN THE FUTURE.

WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED VISIT OF DR. FEDOSEYEV TO PROFESSOR ARNOLD'S LABORATORY IN LA JOLLA, WE BELIEVE THAT IT ALSO WILL BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN THIS VISIT ABOUT JANUARY 15. HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL SOME ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH NEED TO BE WORKED OUT HERE BEFORE WE CAN CONFIRM THIS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL REQUIRE ABOUT ONE MONTH.

STARTING IN JANUARY WOULD ALSO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DRS. KARPENKO AND FEDOSEYEV TO ATTEND TWO MAJOR SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS. THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON MARS WILL BE HELD AT THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 15-18, 1979 AND THE TENTH LUNAR AND PLANETARY CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE LUNAR AND PLANETARY INSTITUTE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 19-23, 1979.

SINCERELY,

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